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SUBJECT: GIBRALTAR- SPANISH REACTION TO TALKS' SUSPENSION

1. MADRID MEDIA THUS FAR HAVE TAKEN GRACEFULLY THE "SUSPENSION" OF GIBRALTAR TALKS WITH UK. ABC SAID HMG MUST NOW THINK ABOUT SPANISH OFFERS, WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED BY FURTHER MEETINGS. IT CONGRATULATES LOPEZ- BRAVO ON " WORTHY DEFENSE OF OUR RIGHTS." NATIONAL MOVEMENT ORGAN " ARRIBA" STRESSED (A) HMG- GOS CONTACTS TO CONTINUE ON VARIOUS LEVELS, (B) TIME NEEDED TO THINK AND TO REACH FOR NEW APPROACHES, (C) DIALOG " SUSPENDED" RATHER THAN " BROKEN OFF", (D) SOUNDINGS TO DATE GOT TO BOTTOM OF RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW AND (E) DOOR LEFT OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MUST CONTINUE AFTER UNDEFINED INTERVAL. ALL PRESS ALSO CARRIED COPIOUS REFERENCES TO " GUARIAN" REPORT ON MISSION UK GIBRALAR DOCUMENTS FAVORABLE TO SPANISH CAUSE, CALLING REVELATION " LITTLE WATERGATE".

2. MFA OFFICIAL, LESS GLIB THAN INITIAL PRESS REACTIONS, GAVE NO CREDIT WHATEVER TO EXPRESSED UK CONCERN FOR ROCK POPULATION, IN VIEW OF FAR- REACHING SPECIAL STATUS OFFERED BY GOS. INSTEAD, HMG REFUSED TO
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BUDGE ASCRIBED TO INTERNAL UK POLITICS, UNREALISTIC
STRATEGIC CONCERNS AND LINGERING RULE BRITANIA
SYNDROME.

3. ASKED WHAT STEPS GOS WOULD TAKE NEXT, SPANISH
OFFICIAL SAID HE DIDN' T KNOW, BUT CRITICISM OF LOPEZ- BRAVO
MIGHT BECOME TOO DAMAGING TO HIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL
STATURE TO ALLOW HIM TO SIT STILL. PERHAPS BEST AVAILABLE
COURSE WOULD BE TO GET NASTY AGAIN IN UN. THIS WOULD
BE FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES, HOWEVER, SINCE
EVERYONE KNEW UN COULDN' T SOLVE PROBLEM.

4. IN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON RETURN LOPEZ- BRAVO
SAID DIALOG ITSELF CANNOT BE A GOAL; AND PERIOD OF
REFLECTION IS REQUIRED, ESPECIALLY ON PART OF BRITISH.
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